

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER OF  
PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Mailed

Paper No. 3  
MAY 29 2000

Director's Office  
Group 2700

HICKMAN STEPHENS & COLEMAN LLP  
P O BOX 52037  
PALO ALTO, CA 94303-0746

In re Application of :

Todd R. Collart

Application No.: 09/296,202

Filed: April 21, 1999

For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF  
MANUFACTURE FOR INTERACTIVE  
NETWORK SUPPORT OF INFORMATION  
BASED ON THE ELECTRONIC CONTENT  
OF A LASER-CENTRIC MEDIUM

DECISION ON PETITION TO  
MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed January 19, 2000, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special under the procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, item II: Infringement.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), M.P.E.P. § 708.02, item II: Infringement, must be accompanied by the required fee and a statement alleging:


- (1) that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use;
- (2) that a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and
- (3) that he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

Further, Applicant must provide one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire course of prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application file will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

  
Kenneth A. Wieder  
Special Program Examiner  
Technology Center 2700  
Communications & Information Processing  
(703) 305-4710